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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT - MISCELLANY

REF: (A) MONROVIA 2670, (B) MONROVIA 2668, (C) STATE 081915

1. ASSISTANT MINISTER MINIKON INFORMED EMBOFF APRIL 19 THAT IT APPEARS

THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAD NOT MADE HIS DECISIONS RE VISIT LAST WEEKEND AS MINIKON HAD HOPED. LATTER ADDED THAT, IN VIEW TOLBERT'S DEPARTURE APRIL 19 FOR REINAUGURATION OF SIAKA STEVENS IN FREETOWN, IT UNLIKELY FONMINISTRY WILL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE THOSE DECISIONS PRIOR TO APRIL 22. THESE DECISIONS CONCERN FINAL APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE, EFFECT ON SCHEDULE OF MRS. KISSINGER'S NOT BEING IN PART (I.E. WHETHER PRESIDENT'S DINNER WILL BE STAG OR MR. AND MRS.), DRESS, ETC. RESULT IS THAT EMBASSY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH DEADLINE SET BZ STATE 081237 FOR SUBMISSION OF SCENARIO.

2. REGARDLESS OF HOW SCHEDULE FINALLY TURNS OUT, IT SEEMS NOW THAT ONLY APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS MENTIONED STATE 081915 WILL BE DINNER HOSTED BY PRESIDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EMBASSY KNOW SOONEST WHETHER SECRETARY WILL MAKE SUCH AN ADDRESS HERE AND, IF SO, THAT EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED SO TOINFORM GOL. PROBLEM IS SPACE AT DINNER FOR MEMBERS OF PRESS. PRESIDENT LIKES TO USE BANQUET ROOM AT EXECUTIVE MANSION WITHOUT SPILLING OVER INTO ADJACENT SMALLER ROOMS. IF FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS IS INTENDED, ROOM WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE FOR MAXIMUM NUMBER OF

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PRESSMEN AND ADJACENT ROOM(S) USED. WITH FOREKNOWLEDGE OF

SECRETARY'S INTENTION TO MAKE SUCH ADDRESS, FOREIGN MINISTRY
WOULD HAVE AMMUNITION WITH WHICH TO OVERCOME PRESIDENT'S
PREDILECTION TO RESTRICT DINNER TO BANQUET ROOM.

3. GOL HAS NO OBJECTION TO ARRIVAL AND PRESENCE AT AIRPORT OF
AIRCRAFT CARRYING SECRETARY'S LIMOUSINE. (SORRY, EMBASSY THOUGHT
THIS CLEAR FROM MONROVIA 2670, PARAGRAPH 3.) WHEN WE DISCUSSED
THIS MATTER WITH MINIKON, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AIRCRAFT CARRIES
BOTH SECRET SERVICE MEN AND LIMOUSINE.
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